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Data

$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$ composed of n independent observations $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{id})$ defined on \mathbb{R}^d .

Goal

Cluster the data in G clusters.

What variables use in clustering?

- Well-posed problem in the supervised classification setting with objective criteria: error rate, AUC, ...
- Ill-posed problem in clustering since the class variable is not known by advance. Thus what are the most relevant variables with respect to this unknown variable?
- Pragmatic solution 1: Prior choice of the practitioner among available variables (according to some focus)
- Pragmatic solution 2: Posterior analysis of the correlation between the predicted cluster (based on all the variables) and each variable

The model based clustering solution

- Mixture models allow to perform clustering by modelling the distribution of the data as a mixture of G components each one corresponding to a cluster.
- Thus possibility to suppose that some variables do not depend (directly) on the cluster in the probabilistic model.

Some references

- Raftery & Dean (2006): some classifying, and some redundant variables. Redundant variables independent of the cluster given the classifying variables.
- Maugis & *al.* (2009): refinement of Raftery & Dean (2006) by specifying the role of each variable.

Advantages of these approaches

- Improve the accuracy of the clustering by decreasing the variance of the estimators
- Allow some specific interpretation of the classifying variables

Limitations of these approaches

- Combinatorial problem to select the best model with these refined approaches
- Search too hard to perform when the number of variables is large

Solution: use simpler models for a better search (Marbac & Serdki 2016,2017)

- Assumption of conditional independence of the classifying variables given the cluster
- Non-classifying variables are independent
- Optimisation of the integrated classification likelihood (ICL)
- Better results than previous approaches on large number of variables with moderated sample size
- The independence assumption allows to easily consider the heterogeneous data setting

Several clustering variables

- The variables in the data can convey several clustering view points with respect to different groups of variables
- Allow to find some clustering which could be hidden by other variables

Some references

- Galimberti & *al.* (2007): First proposition of a multiple Gaussian mixture model
- Galimberti & *al.* (2017): Refinement of the previous model with ideas similar to Raftery & Dean (2006) et Maugis & *al.* (2009)

Remarks

- Smart modelling of the role of each variable
- Search hard to perform when the number of variables is large
- Specific to the Gaussian setting

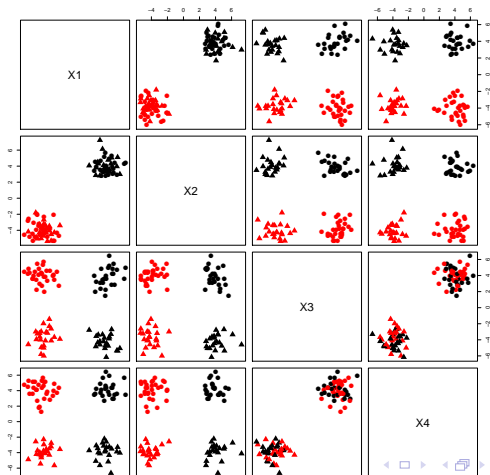
- B independent blocks.
- block b follows a Gaussian mixture with G_b components (for $b = 1, \dots, B$), with the assumption of class conditional independence of the variables
- $\omega = (\omega_j; j = 1, \dots, d)$ the repartition of the variables in blocks; $\omega_j = b$ if variable j belongs to block b .
- The probability distribution function (pdf) of x_i is

$$p(x_i | \mathbf{m}, \theta) = \prod_{b=1}^B \sum_{g=1}^{G_b} \pi_{bg} \prod_{j \in \Omega_b} \phi(x_{ij} | \mu_{gj}, \sigma_{gj}^2),$$

- $\mathbf{m} = (G_1, \dots, G_B, \omega)$ defines the model
- $\Omega_b = \{j : \omega_j = b\}$ the subset of variables belonging to block b
- $\theta = (\pi, \mu, \sigma)$ model parameters
 - $\pi = (\pi_{bg}; b = 1, \dots, B; g = 1, \dots, G_b)$ the proportions with $0 < \pi_{bg}$ and $\sum_{g=1}^{G_b} \pi_{bg} = 1$
 - $\mu = (\mu_{gj}; g = 1, \dots, G_{\omega_j}; j = 1, \dots, d)$ the means
 - $\sigma = (\sigma_{gj}; g = 1, \dots, G_{\omega_j}; j = 1, \dots, d)$ the standard deviations
- $\phi(\cdot | \mu_{gj}, \sigma_{gj}^2)$ the pdf of the Gaussian distribution with mean μ_{gj} and variance σ_{gj}^2 .

Illustration :

- $n = 100$ from a MGMM with $B = 2$ blocks of two variables.
- Variable 1 and 2 belong to block 1 and variables 3 and 4 in block 2
- Each block follows a bi-component Gaussian mixture (*i.e.*, $G_b = 2$) with equal proportions (*i.e.*, $\pi_{bg} = 1/2$) and $\mu_{1j} = 4$, $\mu_{2j} = -4$ and $\sigma_{gj} = 1$.



Remarks

- Different partitions explained by subsets of variables.
- Generalizes approaches used for variable selection in model-based clustering (if $B = 2$ and $G_1 = 1$ then variables belonging to block 1 are not relevant for the clustering, while variables belonging to block 2 are relevant)
- MGMM permits **variable selection** and **multiple partitions** explained by **subsets of variables** (variables classification).
- Sparse model: number of parameters $\nu_m = \sum_{b=1}^B (G_b - 1) + 2G_b \text{card}(\Omega_b)$
- Better model search expected than in the model of Galimberti & *al.* (2017)
- Natural extension to the heterogeneous data setting

Identifiability

Model identifiability is directly obtained from the identifiability of Gaussian mixture with local independence (Teicher, 1963, 1967).

Observed-data likelihood for sample \mathbf{x} and model \mathbf{m}

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{b=1}^B \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \left(\sum_{g=1}^{G_b} \pi_{bg} \prod_{j \in \Omega_b} \phi(x_{ij} | \mu_{gj}, \sigma_{gj}^2) \right).$$

Observed-data likelihood for sample \mathbf{x} and model \mathbf{m}

- B independent mixtures
- $\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{z}_{ib}; i = 1, \dots, n; b = 1, \dots, B)$ vectors of the component memberships
- $\mathbf{z}_{ib} = (z_{ib1}, \dots, z_{ibG_b})$ where $z_{ibg} = 1$ if observation i arose from component g for block b , and $z_{ibg} = 0$ otherwise

Completed-data likelihood for sample \mathbf{x} and model \mathbf{m}

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{b=1}^B f_{\pi_b} + \sum_{j=1}^d f_j(\omega_j),$$

$$f_{\pi_b} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{g=1}^{G_b} z_{ibg} \ln \pi_{bg} \text{ and } f_j(\omega_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{g=1}^{G_{\omega_j}} z_{i\omega_j g} \ln \phi(x_{ij} | \mu_{\omega_j g}, \sigma_{\omega_j g}^2).$$

EM algorithm

Starting from the initial value $\theta^{[0]}$, iteration $[r]$ is composed of two steps:

E-step Computation of the fuzzy partitions $t_{ibg}^{[r]} := \mathbb{E}[Z_{ibg} | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{m}, \theta^{[r-1]}]$, hence

$$t_{ibg}^{[r]} = \frac{\pi_{bg}^{[r-1]} \prod_{j \in \Omega_b} \phi(x_{ij} | \mu_{gj}, \sigma_{gj}^2)}{\sum_{k=1}^{G_b} \pi_{bk}^{[r-1]} \prod_{j \in \Omega_b} \phi(x_{ij} | \mu_{kj}, \sigma_{kj}^2)},$$

M-step Maximization of the expected value of the complete-data log-likelihood over the parameters,

$$\pi_{bg}^{[r]} = \frac{n_{bg}^{[r]}}{n}, \mu_{gj}^{[r]} = \frac{1}{n_{\omega_{jg}}^{[r]}} \sum_{i=1}^n t_{i\omega_{jg}}^{[r]} x_{ij} \text{ and } \sigma_{gj}^{[r]} = \frac{1}{n_{\omega_{jg}}^{[r]}} \sum_{i=1}^n t_{i\omega_{jg}}^{[r]} (x_{ij} - \mu_{\omega_{jg}}^{[r]})^2.$$

Remarks

- Independence between the B blocks of variables permits to maximize the observed-data log-likelihood on each block separately.
- Possible modification to perform the block estimation and the parameter inference simultaneously.

Model collection \mathcal{M}

$$\mathcal{M} = \{\mathbf{m} : \omega_j \leq B_{\max} \text{ and } G_b \leq G_{\max}; j = 1, \dots, d; b = 1, \dots, B_{\max}\},$$

where B_{\max} is the maximum number of blocks and G_{\max} is the maximum number of components within block.

Model selection

Model selection often achieved by searching the model \mathbf{m}^* maximizing the BIC criterion which is defined by

$$\text{BIC}(\mathbf{m}) = \max_{\theta_{\mathbf{m}}} \ell_{\text{pen}}(\theta_{\mathbf{m}} | \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{x})$$

where

$$\ell_{\text{pen}}(\theta_{\mathbf{m}} | \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{x}) = \ell(\theta_{\mathbf{m}} | \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{x}) - \frac{\nu_{\mathbf{m}}}{2} \ln n.$$

Remark

$$(\mathbf{m}^*, \hat{\theta}_{\mathbf{m}^*}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{m}, \theta_{\mathbf{m}})} \ell_{\text{pen}}(\theta_{\mathbf{m}} | \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{x})$$

Combinatorial model selection through a modified the EM algorithm for B and (G_1, \dots, G_B) fixed : choice of $\mathbf{m} \Leftrightarrow$ choice of ω

The EM algorithm to achieve $\arg \max_{(\omega, \theta)} \ell_{pen}(\theta_{\mathbf{m}} | \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{x})$, starting from $(\omega^{[0]}, \theta^{[0]})$ is at iteration $[r]$:

E-step Computation of the fuzzy partitions $t_{ibg}^{[r]} := \mathbb{E}[Z_{ibg} | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{m}, \theta^{[r-1]}]$, hence

$$t_{ibg}^{[r]} := \frac{\pi_{bg}^{[r-1]} \prod_{j \in \Omega_b} \phi(x_{ij} | \mu_{gj}, \sigma_{gj}^2)}{\sum_{k=1}^{G_b} \pi_{bk}^{[r-1]} \prod_{j \in \Omega_b} \phi(x_{ij} | \mu_{kj}, \sigma_{kj}^2)},$$

M-step Maximization of the expected value of the complete-data log-likelihood over the parameters,

$$\pi_{bg}^{[r]} = \frac{n_{bg}^{[r]}}{n}, \omega_j^{[r]} = \arg \max_{b'=1, \dots, B} \Delta_{jb'}^{[r]}, \mu_{gj}^{[r]} = \frac{1}{n_{\omega_j^{[r]}g}^{[r]}} \sum_{i=1}^n t_{i\omega_j^{[r]}g}^{[r]} x_{ij}$$

$$\sigma_{gj}^{[r]} = \frac{1}{n_{\omega_j^{[r]}g}^{[r]}} \sum_{i=1}^n t_{i\omega_j^{[r]}g}^{[r]} (x_{ij} - \mu_{\omega_j^{[r]}j}^{[r]})^2,$$

with $\Delta_{jb}^{[r]} = \max_{(\mu_{gj}, \sigma_{gj}^2; g=1, \dots, G_b)} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{g=1}^{G_b} z_{ibg} \ln \phi(x_{ij} | \mu_{gj}, \sigma_{gj}^2) - G_b \ln n$.

Integrated complete-data likelihood

$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{m}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{m}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{m}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}.$$

Assumptions

- Independence between the prior distributions
- Standard conjugate priors
- Closed form of the complete-data integrated likelihood

MICL (maximum integrated complete-data likelihood) criterion

$$\text{MICL}(\mathbf{m}) = \ln p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}_m^* | \mathbf{m}) \text{ with } \mathbf{z}_m^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{z}_m} \ln p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{m}).$$

Thus

$$(\mathbf{m}^*, \mathbf{z}_{m^*}^*) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_m)} \ln p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{m}).$$

Motivations

- Criteria based on the integrated complete-data likelihood are popular for model-based clustering
- Take into account the clustering purpose : model the data distribution and provide well-separated components

Optimisation of MICL over (\mathbf{z}, ω) for B and G_1, \dots, G_B fixed

Starting at the initial value $\omega^{[0]}$, each ω_j is uniformly sampled among $\{1, \dots, B\}$, the algorithm at iteration $[r]$ is

Partition step: find $\mathbf{z}^{[r]}$ such that for $b = 1, \dots, B$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{\{j|\omega_j^{[r]}=b\}}, \mathbf{z}_b^{[r]} | \mathbf{m}^{[r]}) \geq p(\mathbf{x}_{\{j|\omega_j^{[r]}=b\}}, \mathbf{z}_b^{[r-1]} | \mathbf{m}^{[r]}).$$

Model step: find $\omega^{[r+1]}$ such that for $j = 1, \dots, d$

$$\omega_j^{[r+1]} = \arg \max_{b \in \{1, \dots, B\}} p(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{z}_b^{[r]} | \omega_j = b)$$

Mixed dataset

- $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{id})$ is a vector of mixed variables (continuous, binary, count or categorical)
- local independence within block \Rightarrow extension to the mixed data analysis

Subset of the 1987 National Indonesia Contraceptive Prevalence Survey

1473 Indian women described by

- One continuous variable (AGE: age)
- One integer variable (Chi: number of children)
- Seven categorical variables (EL: education level, ELH: education level of the husband, Rel: religion, Oc: occupation, OcH: occupation of the husband, SLI: standard-of-living index and ME: media exposure).

Results obtained by the BIC criterion

Analysis with :

- maximum of three blocks : $B_{\max} = 3$
- maximum of six components : $G_{\max} = 6$

Age	Chi	EL	ELH	Rel	Oc	OcH	SLI	ME	G_1	G_2	BIC
1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	6	3	-16078
1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	5	3	-16081
1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	3	-16088

Table: Best three models according to the BIC: block repartition, number of components per block and BIC values.

Adjusted Rand Index computed on the partitions obtained by blocks 1 and 2 equal to 0.01.

Results obtained by the MICL criterion

Age	Chi	EL	ELH	Rel	Oc	OcH	SLI	ME	G_1	G_2	BIC
1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	1	-16293
1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	5	1	-16301
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	.	-16307

Table: Best three models according to the MICL: block repartition, number of components per block and MICL values.

Conclusion

- Proposition of model-based clustering with several class variables, each one explaining the heterogeneity of a block of variables:
 - Find groups of variables producing the same clustering of the individuals
 - Interpret the clustering produced for each group of variables
- Model search performed simultaneously with parameters estimation
- Proposed model can be used in the heterogeneous data settings